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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. Prices in most other locations were lower on all weights. The market tone was mixed and in a full range of steady to weak. Demand was usually light to occasionally moderate with movement slightly better into resort and vacation areas. Supplies were ample to sufficient on most sizes, but were occasionally short on jumbo eggs. Breaking stock demand continued light for adequate to available offerings. Light type hens were fully sufficient for regular slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 3 cents lower on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 4 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 7 cents lower on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was weak to barely steady entering the week. Demand was light to moderate and slightly better where items were featured. Supplies were adequate to instances ample for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for the light demand.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was mixed, mostly slow to at times fairly good. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good with resort and vacation areas still pulling in extra product. Supplies were adequate for jumbo and adequate to ample for the balance. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades 1 cent lower. Demand was light for the fully adequate to available offerings. Most breakers worked regular commitments while continuing to bid lower values for extra product. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes were unchanged. The trade sentiment was barely steady to about steady. Demand into all outlets fair. Offerings adequate to ample.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was mixed but usually ranged steady to barely steady entering the week. Supplies were adequate to ample for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending August 16, 2002 was 66.98 cents, which was 0.60 cents more than a week earlier and 6.74 cents higher than last year. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to ample for the light demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices throughout the region 4 cents lower on jumbo through medium. The Pacific region inventory was 8% higher than last Monday with California up 9% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 5%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings easily adequate.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was mixed, usually steady to cautiously steady. Retail and distributive demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	102-104	93-95	56-58
New York	67-71	65-69	38-42
Philadelphia	65-71	64-69	37-42

SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	63-70	61-64	34-37
Jackson (1)	72-74	66-68	40-42
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	68-80	63-74	37-47

MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	56-60	54-58	28-32
Detroit (2)	52-57	51-55	28-32
Major Ohio Cities (2)	54-58	53-56	26-30
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-62	54-60	28-33

WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	75-78	72-74	46-48
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	99	88	61

(1) - Prices reported weekly (2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA Prices 4 cents lower on all sizes. The California inventory was 9% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 41. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large dozen 149.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	116
EXTRA LARGE	99
LARGE	88
MEDIUM	61
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	239-319	JUMBO	235-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	219-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	195-229
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	169-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 23, 2002 will decrease by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 16, 2002 were 263,917 cases which was 2 percent below the prior week and 2 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	222,444	41,473	263,917
% change from the prior week.....	-4	+6	-2

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades 1 cent lower. Demand was light for the fully adequate to available offerings. Most breakers worked regular commitments while continuing to bid lower values for extra product. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	33-36
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-22
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were fully adequate. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies were fully sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-AUG-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.70
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was light to no better than moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were full at processing plants. Finished sales were slow to fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-AUG-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8-9	9.19
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM AUG 19, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO		5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	4.1	13.8	6.2	11.1	10.3	45.5
	Change	-1.1	3.2	1.7	2.1	-0.3	14%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.7	61.3	14.7	20.8	33.6	152.1
	Change	0.3	17.8	1.7	0.9	2.0	18%
Large	Curr Wk	49.0	134.5	58.0	70.7	110.5	422.7
	Change	0.3	13.6	-10.1	-12.8	13.9	1%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.4	42.0	14.7	25.9	29.7	129.7
	Change	-0.7	5.2	-3.7	-3.7	0.3	-2%
Small	Curr Wk	7.1	11.7	2.8	8.3	7.3	37.2
	Change	2.1	1.2	-2.1	0.9	-1.6	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.9	21.4	9.7	14.0	5.0	53.0
	Change	-0.8	-2.8	2.1	0.3	0.6	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.3	65.4	19.6	31.2	28.2	159.7
	Change	-4.3	6.6	-2.0	-7.5	0.8	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	117.5	350.1	125.7	182.0	224.6	999.9
Percent	Change	-3%	15%	-9%	-10%	8%	2%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	999.9	2%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	295.4	8%	38

Total Shell Egg 1295.3 4% 211
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO		5-AREA
NORTHEAST	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	SUMMARY
121.7	305.3	138.1	201.8	208.9	975.8

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 05, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	182.4	179.4	170.4	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING AUGUST 05, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 16, 2002

CURRENT LOADS		11.50		FUTURE LOADS		18.50		TOTAL LOADS		30.00	
CLASS	SE	NE	MW	LOADS	CLASS	SC	NW	SW	LOADS		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	42.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50.60	1.25
GNR W 2	—	42.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.86	3.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	31.00	1.00				
GL W XL	50.50	51.50	—	—	41.00	48.00	9.00				
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	36.07	—	4.00				
GL W MD	—	—	18.50	20.00	—	—	1.00				
GL W SM	21.00	22.50	20.75	22.50	—	—	2.00				
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	29.00	32.00	10.00				
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	19.00	22.00	1.00				
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.50	18.50	—	—	1.00				

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/12/02-08/16/02

CURRENT LOADS		83.50		FUTURE LOADS		72.50		TOTAL LOADS		156.00	
CLASS	SE	NE	MW	LOADS	CLASS	SC	NW	MW	LOADS		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	46.00	48.35	47.25	48.21	45.50	42.00	28.50				
GNR W 2	—	42.67	—	—	39.00	—	1.50			69.00	.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	32.50	33.33	3.00			54.36	18.75
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	37.00	37.50	4.00			49.63	30.25
GL W XL	51.33	54.40	55.00	54.72	43.20	48.00	46.75			30.41	12.00
GL W LG	—	58.00	—	47.21	39.54	—	35.50			59.00	1.00
GL W MD	21.00	—	20.13	21.63	24.18	28.33	15.25			59.00	1.00
GL W SM	21.00	22.50	20.75	23.00	21.00	—	4.00			—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	29.00	36.88	37.00			—	1.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	28.00	1.00			—	3.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	19.00	25.00	2.00			—	2.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.60	18.60	16.50	25.00	12.25				

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 08/04/02 - 08/10/02

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	864	864
Colorado	1,620	810	7,555	9,985
Georgia	0	0	825	825
Idaho	0	0	260	260
Iowa	3,824	800	43,965	48,589
Michigan	0	0	840	840
Minnesota	4,767	7,320	8,357	20,444
New Hampshire	0	0	860	860
Ohio	0	780	645	1,425
Oregon	3,141	1,050	0	4,191
Texas	0	0	1,710	1,710
Utah	1,560	860	9,167	11,587
Wisconsin	0	0	2,330	2,330
TOTAL	14,912	11,620	77,378	103,910

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	83-86	74-77	37-40	19-22

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 8/4/02-8/10/02

30-dozen cases 8,123

Receipts from the mainland: 7/28/02-8/3/02

30-dozen cases 7,955

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
58-68	52-55	49-54	25-29	22-26

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
85.72	79.72	51.34	45.03

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	08/12/02	08/05/02	08/13/01
PACIFIC COAST	331	402	130
LOS ANGELES	275	341	116

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
35-38	10-14	5-8

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

	Jun-30 2001	Jun-30 2002	Jul-30 2001	Jul-30 2002
FROZEN EGGS:				
Whites	1,853	1,675	2,711	1,881
Yolks	645	819	797	984
Whole & Mixed	9,522	6,397	11,045	6,196
Unclassified	2,370	3,829	2,097	3,650
 Total Frozen Eggs	 14,390	 12,720	 16,650	 12,711

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